Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**
This week our Learn to Swim program commences for the students in years three, one, five and prep. This is a very important part of the physical education program at primary school and we encourage all parents to have their children join in.

The media and social networking sites are reporting of this latest craze which involves people dressing up as clowns and attending public places in an attempt to scare and threaten people. It appears the concept originated from a film released in 2013 and the latest prank has had its origin in the USA. A recent Facebook post named some schools as targets of the pranksters. Arundel was not mentioned. Yesterday a couple of our younger children were genuinely upset when others started talking of reported clown sightings. There have been no sightings at our school and my admin team and I are out amongst the children at all morning tea and lunch breaks as well as after school to ensure student safety and wellbeing. I would be extremely disappointed if any of our students participated in these “clown” pranks or starting rumours or panic within the school. I urge parents to speak with children, especially to remind them that they are safe at school. Any behaviour by members of the general public with the intent to scare or intimidate others will be immediately reported to the police.

On November 10, in the afternoon, we will be visited by the Commonwealth Games Mascot, Borobi, as a lead up to the Commonwealth Games which will be held on the Gold Coast in 2018. Our school has been asked to adopt the African nation of Ghana for the purposes of highlighting the participating nations in the games. When Borobi arrives, I’ll ask the students to prepare some posters welcoming the participation of athletes from Ghana.

Next week we will begin the task of looking at class compositions for next year. This is a complex exercise as teachers work to get the very best mix for each class. I often get parents who come to me after the school year has commenced and seek a move for their child. It is much easier for us if you contact our school deputies – Mrs Dendrinos (prep, year one, year two), Mr McConnell (years three and four) or Mrs Dick (years five and six) to signal any special requirements you may have. You can contact the deputies either through the office phone (55614888) or via emails. Emails are probably easier for you as you may have to wait at times for the busy school phone to clear for your call. You can send an email to principal@arundelss.com.au and they will be forwarded to the relevant deputy for action.

Some P&C activities in the next couple of weeks include the School Discos on Friday October 28. We are looking for parents to assist with the Discos especially with the supervision for both Discos. This is an essential role as we work to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all of the children who attend. You can call our office and leave your name and contact details and I’ll get in touch. It is only for ninety minutes.

**Please note that next Monday is a pupil free day.** Whilst school staff will be engaged in professional development activities, the students will not be required to attend. Helping Hands (before and after school care facility) will be open all day on Monday. Parents should contact Helping Hands if you require the service on that day.

Have a nice weekend,

Michael Kelly

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**ASSEMBLIES - FRIDAY, 14 OCTOBER**

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2016 CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL
The Arundel State School is once again supporting the Shoebox Appeal for children living in extreme poverty. To do this just cover a shoebox and lid separately and pack it with a number of items.

The shoeboxes are divided into 3 categories for either BOYS or GIRLS: 2-4 years; 5-9 years; 10-14 years. Each shoebox should contain one or more of each of the following:

**Something to play with** e.g. small car/truck, ball, yo-yo, slinky, costume jewellery.

**Something for school** e.g. pencils, textras, glue stick, writing pad, rubber, calculator.

**Something for hygiene** e.g. soap, washer, hand towel, comb, brush, toothbrush etc.

**Something to wear** e.g. t-shirt, shorts, cap, sunnies, hair clips, scrunchies, thongs etc.

**Something to love** e.g. Australian animal, soft toy, doll etc.

A donation of $10 will help organisers to be able to send the boxes overseas. Without this money the boxes will not be able to be sent.

Please do not send – Second Hand Clothes, Food, Liquids, Toothpaste, Aerosol Cans, Vitamins, Breakable items or war related toys. Please send shoeboxes and/or the $10 donation or items to Mrs Nelson (1A)

Thank you in anticipation for your kind donation!

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS (from Mrs Thornton)
This Friday is our Instrumental Music Tour to Canungra State School for the Strings and Band Groups.

Week 3 - Dance Ed in the Spotlight, Gold Coast Arts Centre (Dance Excellence girls).

Week 4 - Auditions for Drama and Dance Excellence (for current Year 3, 4 & 5 students) - please ask children to check the Music room window for times. Drama auditions need a poem to learn. We have had 380 children put their names down and there are a limited number of places in the program. Please encourage your children to try again next year if they miss out this year. We are so happy so many children are trying out!

Information Sessions for the Instrumental Program (Band and Strings) and Dance and Drama Excellence Program will be held on Wednesday, 26th October at 3:15pm in the Music block. If children can be picked up that is great, if not Mrs Thornton will take children in the Instrumental room to watch a movie.

P&C NEWS
The Spelling Bee test took place today and I’m sure many of the children had lots of practice at home. Sponsorship money is now due in. We will be awarding those achieving 100% correct in assembly shortly.

The next P&C meeting is Friday, 21st October at 3:30pm in the staffroom. All welcome. Start planning for the SPOOKY DISCO on Friday 28th October. Lots of Halloween fun and prizes for the best dressed.

PLANNING FOR 2017
The period over Christmas is a time when many families experience changed circumstances. This often results in students having to change schools. **Families whose children are moving schools are asked to advise the school office and complete a leaving form.** We are disappointed to lose students, but recognise that this is necessary at times and therefore are willing to assist with any transition into a new school.

LIBRARY NEWS (from Mrs McKay)
Stocktake
The Library will be closed for stocktake in week 3, from Monday 17 October to Friday 21 October. Students may wish to choose a longer novel or additional home readers to cover this period.

The Library will reopen on Monday 24 October.

**Library dates for this term** –
- Week 1 – Book Club Issue 7 distributed
- Week 3 – Library closed for stocktake
- Week 5 – Book Club Issue 8 distributed
- Week 6 – Last week of borrowing for Year 6
- Week 7 – Last week of borrowing for Prep to Year 5
- Week 7 & 8 – Christmas Book Fair (books only, no stationery)
- Week 9 & 10 – Returns only
INVITATION – FREE PARENTING COURSE at The Arundel State School

1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE (facilitated by Matt Dwyer, G.O.)

This parenting information course is being offered to all interested parents/carers at our school. The course is aimed at parenting 2–12 year olds. This three-session program, for parents and carers, will be held at The Arundel State School on Fridays, 28th October, 4th November and 11th November from 9 -11am.

Learn:
- To engage your children’s cooperation by positively noticing and encouraging them.
- To set clear expectations and help them to develop frustration tolerance.
- To help children’s brains to develop filters for behaving well.
- To resolve family conflict quietly.
- Some simple strategies to practise being a calm parent.

The course is FREE and includes a course workbook and morning tea. Young children and babies are welcome to attend with you, although no childcare is provided, sorry.

Register for this course by contacting the school office, or all enquiries to Matt Dwyer, Guidance Officer, on 55614 888.

SPORT NEWS

Swimming Term 4 - Learn To Swim and Stroke Development Permission Forms have been distributed to students for Prep, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5. The cost remains at $45 for both small group instruction and bus to and from Ashmore Swimming Pool. Please return permission forms with payment to the school payment window on Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings from 8:15am to 9:15am.

Commencement Dates:
Prep – Thursday, 13 October;
Year 1 – Friday, 14 October;
Year 3 – Wednesday, 19 October;
Year 5 – Monday, 24 October.

All students will need the following items for swimming and to assist students get the most out of each session:
Swimmers, Cap, Rashie (or t-shirt), Goggles, Thongs and a Towel.

Any families that can donate caps, rashies or goggles please hand in to the office. This is greatly appreciated to help families and our students

South Coast Track & Field Trial Results

Congratulations to our amazing students who last term competed in the Regional Athletics trials. A big thank you to parent Tracey Phillis who attended both days and supported our students as they performed to do their best against a very competitive field. Congratulations to Matilda, Sefulima, Maia, Dominic, Indiana, Ava and Jayda on their efforts. Well done to Tuani who has been selected in the Regional Team to compete in the 11 boy’s shot put at the Queensland State Athletics Championships from 20-23 October.

School Hats

Days are certainly hotter & with that comes a higher UV. Please check your son/daughter’s school hat to see that their name is clearly labelled on it and that they bring it with them to school each day. It is an Education Queensland Sun Smart Policy for every child to have a school hat for outdoor activities.

REMINDER REGARDING VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION (Mrs Rawle)

The Voluntary Contribution Scheme is based on parents contributing the sum of $90 per student for their first child or $120 for two or more students per family. Funds accumulated through this scheme provide good value to the school and consequently to our students to enhance our capacity to resource the school above the standard provisions. Payment can be made for this scheme on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the payment window in the Administration Block or internet payment can be made to the following school bank account - BSB: 064-430, Account Number - 10206101 stating your child’s name and class along with the characters VFC, e.g. Adam Smith 4A VFC.

PREP B NEWS

This term in Prep B we are going swimming. We are all very excited to travel on the bus and have our first swimming lesson. We have been learning to write letters and we are going to write one to someone in our family and post it to them.

We are looking forward to our Christmas Concert and we are practising very hard. We hope you can join us to listen to our special songs.

SPELLING BEE REMINDER

Please return all forms and donations to the school Tuckshop by Friday, 21st October.

PARENT REMINDER

Please do not approach other people’s children before, during or after school when a school matter arises. Administrators will deal with incidents appropriately.
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